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1. PLEASE CONVEY TO MINISTER ANSARY FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTING REF D:

A. SECRETARY KISSINGER WANTS TO REAFFIRM THE CONFIDENCE HE EXPRESSED IN LONDON THAT AN OIL AGREEMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED ON A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY BASIS WHICH WILL ACHIEVE YOUR OBJECTIVE OF INCREASING IRAN'S OIL EXPORTS BY 500,000 BARRELS PER DAY.

B. AS EXPLAINED REF D, U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WILL SWAP SOME PORTION OF NIOC CRUDE OIL TO U.S. REFINERY COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR OVERALL PETROLEUM PRODUCT PURCHASE PROGRAM. CASH SALES OF OTHER PORTION SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH SECRET

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NORMAL IRANIAN SALES TO THEIR U.S. BUYERS IF IRAN'S REGULAR

PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES.

C. WE HOPE TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY, BUT AS CONGRESS DOES NOT RECON-

VENE UNTIL JANUARY 19, WE FELT THAT YOU SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THIS UNAVOIDABLE CAUSE OF DELAY.

D: WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THIS DELAY WILL NOT PREVENT COMPLETION OF AN OIL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. PLEASE EXPRESS TO MINISTER ANSARY OUR REGRETS OVER THE DELAY IN THIS NEGOTIATION AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN THE NEW YEAR, ROBINSON

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